

developmentally appropriate ^[1]

Type of Speech:

adjective ^[2]

Definition:

consistent with a child's age, maturity, and/or readiness to master a particular concept or skill; of or related to teaching practices that take into account students' level of physical or mental development.

Additional Information:

Focusing on how children develop and learn facilitates attention to cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs. The National Association for the Education of Young Children ^[3] (NAEYC) provides five guidelines for developmentally appropriate practices, particularly for early childhood education:

- creating a caring community of learners
- teaching to enhance development and learning
- constructing appropriate curriculum
- assessing children's learning and development
- establishing beneficial relationships with families

NAEYC has a position statement of guidelines for developmentally appropriate practices ^[4] serving children from birth through age eight.

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